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This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003, having a one-month period for response ending October 26, 2003. The Office Action requires an election of one of the two inventions or groups set forth in the Office Action. Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 17-24, drawn to a method and apparatus for sorting mail to a dock area of a warehouse to be loaded onto vehicles. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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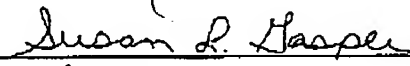
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